

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Board Meeting
Northwestern Regional Juvenile Detention Center
145 Fort Collier Road
Winchester, VA
June 13, 2007

Present: James Turpin

Barbara Myers

Aida Pacheco

Patricia Puritz

DJJ Staff Present: Frank Shumaker, Dan Hoopes, T. Trout, Mark Jones, D. Hitt, A. Moore, Tim Showalter, Ken Bailey, Bruce Twyman, Barry Green, Tim Howard, Sam Abed, Deron Phipps, Janet Van Cuyk, Susan Heck, Vernon Harry, Jim Stevens and Deborah Hayes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Turpin. Mr. Turpin introduced Jim Stevens, Superintendent of the Northwestern Regional Detention Center. Mr. Stevens thanked everyone for coming and stated that he was happy to host today's meeting. He said lunch will be provided and after the meeting he would delighted to conduct a tour of the facility.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Ms. Puritz, the Board approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Turpin called for introductions of attendees prior to proceeding. In attendance were: Dawn Smith, Assistant Secretary of Public Safety, Resident L, Liane Rozzell, Linda Kaufman (Beaumont Parents Group representatives), and Abigail Turner representing the JustChildren Program.

IV. APPROVAL OF April 11, 2007 MINUTES

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Myers, the minutes of the April 11, 2007 Board meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Turpin read the Board's revised position on the public comment period. Ms. Liane Rozzell and Ms. Linda Kaufman contacted DJJ central office to register to speak to the

Board. Ms. Rozzell and Ms. Kaufman spoke on behalf of the Beaumont Parent Group. Ms. Rozzell's and Ms. Kaufman's comments are filed in Central Office and will be made available upon request. Ms. Purtiz thanked them for creating the group and stated that it is very constructive. She said the Board needs to hear from the group.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Secure Services Committee

Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Myers to certify New River Valley Juvenile Detention Home and the Post-Disposition Detention Program for one (1) year with a report to the Board of Juvenile Justice in one year on the deficiency noted. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Pacheco to change the capacity of the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Post-Dispositional Detention Program from eight (8) to nine (9). Motion carried.

B. Non-Secure Services Committee

Certifications

On Motion duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Ms. Puritz to certify Chaplin Youth Center for three years with a status report in June 2008 (one year). Motion carried.

On Motion duly made by Ms. Myers, and seconded by Ms. Pacheco to certify Fairfax Less Secure Shelter for three years and send letter of commendation. Motion carried.

On Motion duly made by Ms. Myers, and seconded by Ms. Pacheco to certify the Transitional Living Program for three years. Motion carried.

On Motion duly made by Ms. Myers, and seconded by Ms. Pacheco to certify the Westhaven Boys' Home for three years. Motion carried.

C. Other

Request to Modify VJCCCA Plans

- **a**. On motion duly made by Ms. Pacheco and seconded by Ms. Myers to amend the FY07-08 VJCCCA plan for the City of Petersburg in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.
- **b**. On motion duly made by Ms. Pacheco and seconded by Ms. Myers to amend the FY07-08 VJCCCA combined plan for Halifax County in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.
- **c**. On motion duly made by Ms. Pacheco and seconded by Ms. Myers to amend the FY07-08 VJCCCA combined plan for the City of Radford in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Art Presentation

Resident "L" thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting. He informed the Board that he will graduate June 18, 2007. He then presented the artwork to the members.

B. Interpretation Services

Tim Howard stated that interpretation services are available for all clients at DJJ. General funds monies are used to purchase services. Sign language interpreters are also available. Mr. Green asked if there had been a need for interpreters in the facilities. Mr. Howard responded that Abigail Turner (JustChildren) originally brought this issue to the Board and requested that parents be made aware that they have access to this service. Mr. Turpin asked Mr. Phipps to draft a policy and present it at the September 13 board meeting.

C. Regulations – Mental Health (Final)

1. Final Regulations Governing Mental Health Services Transition
Plans for Incarcerated Juveniles (6 VAC 35-180)
On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin and seconded by Ms. Pacheco, to

approve the final text for 6 VAC 35-180 – Regulations Governing Mental Health Services Transition Plans for Incarcerated Juveniles.

2. Regulations Governing Mental Health Services Transition Plans for Incarcerated Juveniles (6 VAC 35-180) (Agency's response to public comment)

It was further moved that the final text of 6 VAC 35 – 180 be submitted for an additional 30-day public comment period with subsequent publications in the Virginia Register and a delayed effective date of January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

D. Regulations – Work Release (Final)

- 1. Final Regulations Governing Juvenile Work Release Programs (6 VAC 35-190)
- 2. Regulations Governing Juvenile Work Release Programs (6 VAC 35-190) (Agency's response to public comment)

E. Review of DJJ Policies

Mr. Phipps reviewed the policies to be rescinded. On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Myers to rescind the following board policies effective April 11, 2007, as they have been incorporated in the Virginia Administrative Code, are covered in the Virginia Code, or have been deemed unnecessary: 02-019 Use of Meeting Rooms by State Employee Association; 01-021Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability; 04-008.1 Budgeting for Foster Homes and Group Homes; 04-100 State Reimbursement of Local Juvenile Residential Facility Costs; 13-003 Religious and Modified Diets; 19-004 CSU Supervisory Review of Community Supervision Cases; 20-409 CSU's Reports to Court and policies carried over from the January 10, 2007 meeting: 12-001.7 – Health Records Files, 05-007 – Agreement to Confidentiality, and 17-004 – Youth Grievance Procedure in Direct Care. Motion carried. The following three policies were tabled: 20-208—Juvenile Industries; 20-311—Post-Dispositional Facilities and 13-004—Food Preparation and Service of Meals. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin and seconded by Ms. Myers to postpone consideration of the following policies: 01-001 Board Policies and Standards, 01-002 Directives System, 02-008 Policy Implementations, 02-010 Staff Involvement in Developing Policies, Procedures and Programs, 02-002 Media Relations, 02-003 Communications Media Access to Individual Juveniles, 02-004 Communication of Serious Incidents, 02-013 Organizational Communication and Reporting, 02-012 Funding for and Utilization of Secure Detention Facilities and 02-014 Inspection and Reviews of Juvenile Residential Facilities. Motion carried.

F. Board Elections

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, and seconded by Ms. Puritz that Mr. Turpin remain chairman of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, and seconded by Ms. Puritz that Courtney Penn fill the position of vice chairman of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz, and seconded by Ms. Myers that Justin Wilson fill the position secretary to the Board of Juvenile Justice. Motion carried.

Mr. Turpin asked that a letter and plaque be prepared for Kim Downing, former member and secretary to the Board of Juvenile Justice and invite her to the meeting in Williamsburg to be recognized. He also asked for a plaque to recognize the retirement of JoAnn Smith, superintendent of the Merrimac Detention Center.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Green advised that all of the correctional facilities are rolling out REACH—the Reception and Diagnostic Center is the first and all of the facilities should be on board by July 25. Mr. Green said the facilities are bringing back intramural games for residents. He advised that the incentive is residents must maintain good behavior in order to participate. Mr. Green stated that the Assisting Families of Inmates organization is transporting as many as fourteen families a trip. He said the program has gotten a good response and is well received.

A schedule of the upcoming high school graduations was distributed to the Board members and Mr. Green invited them to attend if their schedules permit.

Mr. Green advised the members that the University of VA Drama group will perform at Culpeper, Beaumont and Bon Air JCCs. He invited the members to attend the performances.

Mr. Green advised that the DJJ Leadership Conference went very well and was well received. Two of the Board members were in attendance and Ms. Pacheco facilitated a session. He also advised that the JDAI conference went very well and that Congressman Scott attended the am session of Friday.

Mr. Green stated that the agency is working on the budget process and to be aware that cuts may come.

IX. Board Comments

Mr. Turpin advised that the Leadership Conference was excellent and he wished that all areas had judges the caliber of those who were on the panel.

Ms. Pacheco said her desire is to recognize long time volunteers; she asked that a letter be sent from the Board to acknowledge their commitment.

Mr. Turpin stated that he attended the superintendents' meeting and recognized that a lot of our seasoned veterans will be retiring. He said there is a need to work on training our upcoming leaders.

Ms. Pacheco said she attended several of the DJJ events; she said DJJ staff is very positive and she is excited to be a part of this effort. She also asked that the Ombudsman be added to the agenda for September and invited Susan Heck to present to the Board.

Mr. Turpin advised that a reception will be held for Andy Block on Friday. Mr. Block is being recognized as legal aid lawyer of the year. He asked that a congratulatory letter from the Board be sent to Mr. Block

The CORE Regulations town hall meetings are scheduled as follows:

July 9: 6:30 pm Roanoke July 10 6:30 pm Richmond July 11 6:30 pm Va Beach

A letter was distributed to the Board members from Andy Block and JustChildren regarding graduations.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Merrimac Detention Center, Williamsburg, VA on Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

XI. ADJOURN

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Canada Hayes DJJ Board Secretary